Mid-Ohio District News

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2023 EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AC Registration & Hotel Reservations Begin April 3

register for Annual Conference,
register for Clergy Executive Session,
AND book an Annual Conference hotel room.

Once again, the Conference has worked with the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau to partner with nearly one dozen hotels in and around Akron to secure blocks of rooms for those attending Annual Conference. Information for how to book rooms at EOC-partnered hotels will be available on the Annual Conference website when it goes live on Monday, April 3.

Registration for Annual Conference 2023 will again be <u>online only</u>, beginning Monday, April 3 and ending Friday, May 12.

Register to Sing in the Annual Conference Choir

You are invited to sing in the Conference choir during this year's Annual Conference, June 8-10 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Choir members are asked to register in advance so that Joe Leaman, this year's director, can order music. Those who register will receive a rehearsal schedule closer to Annual Conference. If you have questions about the Annual Conference choir, e-mail Melanie Glazer.

Learn more and register to sing in the AC choir.

Mid-Ohio District Conference

April 23 * 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. * @ Trinity UMC (75 E. High St. Mt. Gilead)

You are Invited to a
Grant Writing Webinar

Grant writing tips for non-profit missions and ministries.

$5 minimum will support the Urban Mission food pantry in Steubenville, OH.

Wednesday, April 19 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fine Tuning Your Funding Search: Grants Prospecting
&
Wednesday, May 3 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Persuasive Proposal Development: Intro to Grant Writing

More details and registration at:
https://GrantWritingWebinarEOC.eventbright.com

Contact Rev. Kathy Dickriede, EOCUMC Connectional Ministries Director of Missions and Community Engagement, with any questions: kdickriede@eocumc.com
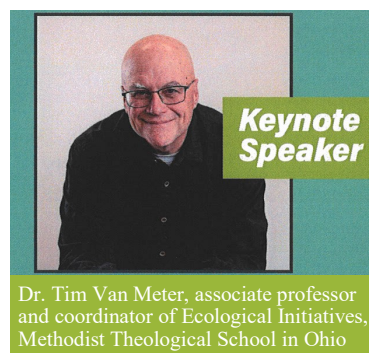

Perspectives: Caring for God's Creation

Saturday, April 22
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(check in begins at 9)
@ UMC of Berea
(170 Seminary St. Berea, OH. 44017)
Cost: $10, includes lunch
(options available for dietary needs)

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Tim Van Meter, associate professor and coordinator of Ecological Initiatives, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Perspectives: Caring for God's Creation is an event designed to inform you, your church, and your community how to respond to our current climate realities. Experts and local organizers will share their perspectives offering insight on how we can live into a more ecologically equitable and sustainable world for all.

The whole Earth is God's good creation and we have been granted stewardship of it. We, as people of faith, have responsibility for how God's creation is used - and need to accept our role in how it has been abused. It's time to rise and meet our stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect.

Learn more info and Register here

Re:New

Imagining New Ministries in New Ways with New People

Join clergy and laity colleagues and gain insight on new ways your ministries can reach new people in your community.

Includes workshops on Messy Church, Dinner Church, Children's Faith Formation, Theater & Ministry, Online Discipleship, Portico Online Learning, All in God's Image and more!

Gather at Faith UMC in North Canton from 9a. - 1:30p. The day will cost $10 and includes lunch.

Register Here

Every Summer Has a Story
Make Camp a part of your story in 2023

Want a chance to tour the sites, talk to the staff, and see what is being offered for Summer Camps 2023? Join us on the following dates:

- **Camp Asbury: Sunday, April 16 from 2-5 p.m.**
- **Camp Wanake: Saturday, April 29 from 2-6 p.m. (includes Resurrection Egg Hunt)**
- **Camp Aldersgate: Saturday, April 7 from 2-5 p.m.**

Do those dates not work for you? Contact the site directly and set up your own visit.
Aldersgate - info@campaldersgate.org - 330-627-4369
Asbury - info@campasbury.org - 330-569-3171
Wanake - info @campwanake.org - 330-756-2333

Don't forget the
District Camp Scholarship

CYF, ReachOut, and Lakeside Institute are for Youth!

Each year, youth from around Ohio are invited to gather at Malone University and Lakeside Chautauqua for great Christian community, in-depth Bible study, creative worship, mission projects, and lots of fun activities. Malone University hosts Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) on its beautiful campus in Canton. Lakeside Chautauqua has long been the place for young people to meet inside the gated community on the Marblehead Penninsula for Lakeside Institute and ReachOut.

Learn more about and register for CYF, ReachOut, and Institute.

Midwest Mission Collection at AC – June 8-10

Midwest Mission (EOC Advance Fund 9944) will again have a collection truck at the John S. Knight Center during Annual Conference in June. Full details will be released when the Annual Conference 2023 website goes live on April 3. Please e-mail Melanie Thomas in the Connectional Ministries office with questions about this collection.

The Midwest Mission is currently well-stocked with United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits. For the collection during Annual Conference, the Mission is asking for donations of:

- **Personal Dignity Kits**
- **Home Care Kits**
- Shampoo (12-19 oz)
- Laundry Detergent (42-64 oz)
- Dish soap (42-64 oz)

Learn more about creating kits to donate to Midwest Mission.

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